

Senate Study Bill 3100 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to pilot projects for electronic registration
2 and titling of vehicles.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. ELECTRONIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND TITLING
2 PILOT PROJECTS — REPORT.

3 1. For the period beginning January 1, 2011, and ending
4 December 31, 2011, the department of transportation shall
5 establish and administer pilot projects in at least three
6 counties to allow electronic transactions for the registration
7 and titling of vehicles, including electronic applications,
8 electronic issuance of titles, electronic registration,
9 and electronic transfer of funds. The department shall
10 solicit county participation in the pilot projects and shall
11 designate the counties to be included from among the counties
12 volunteering to participate, provided that a county shall not
13 be required to participate in a pilot project.

14 2. The department may contract with one or more persons to
15 provide services for the pilot projects, including services
16 relating to the distribution and processing of electronic
17 applications, electronic titles, and electronic registrations;
18 the electronic transfer of documents; and electronic transfer
19 of funds, subject to the following conditions:

20 a. The department shall not provide compensation to a person
21 for services provided under the contract.

22 b. A person providing services under the contract may charge
23 reasonable fees to motor vehicle dealers licensed under chapter
24 322 who choose to participate in a pilot project.

25 c. A participating motor vehicle dealer licensed under
26 chapter 322 may charge a reasonable fee to consumers who choose
27 to participate in a pilot project.

28 3. On or before December 31, 2011, the department,
29 in consultation with counties and motor vehicle dealers
30 participating in the pilot projects, shall submit a report
31 of its recommendations for statewide implementation of
32 electronic registration and titling to the general assembly's
33 standing committees on transportation. The report shall
34 include a summary of any comments or suggestions submitted by
35 participating counties and motor vehicle dealers for inclusion

1 in the report.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill requires the department of transportation to
4 establish and administer pilot projects in at least three
5 counties to allow electronic applications for vehicle
6 registration and titling, to allow electronic titling and
7 registration, and to allow electronic transfer of funds in such
8 transactions. The pilot projects are to run for the period
9 beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2011. The
10 department is to designate counties to participate in the pilot
11 projects from among those interested in participating. County
12 participation is on a voluntary basis.

13 The department is authorized to enter into contracts with
14 vendors for the provision of services for the pilot projects
15 relating to the distribution and processing of electronic
16 applications, electronic titles, and electronic registrations;
17 the electronic transfer of documents; and electronic transfer
18 of funds. A vendor providing services under such a contract
19 shall not be compensated by the department, but the person may
20 charge reasonable fees to motor vehicle dealers who choose
21 to participate in a pilot project, and a participating motor
22 vehicle dealer may, in turn, charge a reasonable fee to
23 customers who choose to participate.

24 The bill does not affect the disposition of any moneys and
25 fees required to be collected under existing law.

26 The department is required to report to the house and senate
27 standing committees on transportation by December 31, 2011,
28 regarding statewide implementation of electronic registration
29 and titling. The report is to include a summary of any
30 comments or suggestions offered by counties and motor vehicle
31 dealers who participate in the pilot projects.